(e) the details of the progress in that State with regard to mulberry cultivation?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI R.L. JALAPPA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Such schemes have been launched in the States of Uttar Pradesh, Orissa, West Bengal, Assam, Mizoram, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Tripura, Arunachal Pradesh and Manipur. Besides, with the World Bank assistance, National Sericulture Project is being implemented in five traditional sericulture states *viz.* Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, West Bengal and Jammu & Kashmir and in select districts in 12 pilot States viz., Assam, Bihar, Gujarat, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Orissa, Punjab, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh.

(c) to (e) A National Sericulture Project is under implementation in Koraput district of Orissa since July, 1989 with financial assistance from the World Bank and Swiss Development Cooperation. Under the project infrastructure for Basic Silkworm Seed, Commercial Seed Production Centres, Technical Service Centres, Cocoon Market and Testing and Grading Centres, Reeling Demonstration-cum-Training Centre etc. have been created besides strengthening Regional Sericultural Research Station at Koraput. Under National Sericulture Project and area to the extent of 2757 acres of mulberry plantation has been developed in the State. Besides, an Intensive Sericulture Development Project for mulberry sericulture had earlier been implemented in Ganjam district of Orissa between 1987-88 & 1994-95 with financial participation from Central Silk Board and the Govt. of Orissa. Under the Project, besides creation of basic infrastructure, an area of 1742 acres was brought under mulberry plantation. The total area under mulberry cultivation in the state of Orissa is reported to be 6032 acres.

Smuggling of Heroin and Liquor in Delhi

*8. SHRI O.P. KOHLI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to the recent smuggling of heroin and liquor into the Capital; if so, how much worth of heroin and liquor was pumped into the city during the last three years and in 1996 to-date;

(b) the details thereof and the action taken by Government therein; and

(c) the number of persons arrested in this regard and the action taken against them and how many of them have finally been put behind bars?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The details of the number of cases registered, number of persons arrested and quantities of smuggled herein and liquor seized in Delhi by Delhi Police during the last three years (upto October, 1996) are as under:—

A : **Heroin**

Year	Cases registered	Persons arrested	Quantity of hereoin seized
1993	580	610	25.269 Kg.
1994	569	612	23.977 Kg.
1995	641	715	18.474 Kg.
1996 (upto 31.10.96)	427	467	13.368 Kg.
		Total	81.088 Kg.*

*Note : Approximate value : Rs. 81,08,80,000/-

B : **Liquor**

Year	Cases resis-tered	Persons arrested	QUANTITY OF LIQUOR SEIZED**					
			Bottles	Halves	Quarters	Pouches	Litres	Beer
1993	879	972	30055	1226	1989	5707	-	425
1994	1877	2043	68627	1393	4282	1,50,107	481	498
1995	1898	2109	78151	7239	21425	4,67,421	1324	1327
1996 upto 31.10.96)	1279	1425	113548	2822	24395	7,02,956	41433	1152
		Total	290381	12680	52091	13,26,191	43238	3402
**Note : Approximate value		Rs.	29038100	634000	1302275	13261910	1297,140	74844

Besides, the details of heroin seized in Delhi during the last three years (upto October 1996) by the narcotics Control Bureau alongwith number of persons arrested are as follows:—

Year	Quantity of heroin seized (in Kg.)	Number of persons arrested
1993	139	430
1994	98	460
1995	50	671
1996 (upto October)	210	401

Loss due to striike of the Telecom Employees

*9. SHRIMATI BASANTI SARMA:
DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the loss Government have suffered due to the recent strike of the employees of the Department of Telecommunication;

(b) the manner in which Government propose to make good the losses;

(c) the concessions which Government have agreed to give to employees;

(d) the extent of the cost to the exchequer; and

(e) the exact nature of the agreement which Government have made with the employees unions?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA):(a) The estimated loss of revenue on account of the strike is Rs. 12.6 crores approximately.

(b) All out efforts would be made to earn more revenue by improving productivity of the staff and by better operational efficiency.

(c) Productivity linked bonus for the year 1995-96 will be paid to all the Group 'C' & 'D' employees of Department of Telecommunications.

(d) The additional financial liability will be Rs. 85 crores approximately.

(e) No agreement has been signed with the Employees Union.

New National Textiles Policy

*10. SHRI S. MUTHU MANI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering a New National Textiles Policy to help the Indian Textile Industry face global competition;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the impediments being faced by the Indian Textile industry with regard to modernisation of existing units; and

(d) the steps taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI R.L. JALAPPA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) Due to globalisation and liberalisation of Trade, the Textile Industry in India has to be modernised to become competitive in the global market. Modernisation of existing units implies and necessitates phasing out of obsolete machinery and their replacements by state of art technology. This requires finance at concessional rate. Towards this objective, the Ministry of Textiles had written to the Ministry of Finance in Aug. 95 for taking up with the World Bank or any other International Funding Agency, the matter of providing funds at concessional rates to the textile sector, namely, spinning, weaving and processing. The World Bank, in March, 1996, stated that textile sector is not one of the priority areas identified by the World Bank and as such, it would not be possible for the World Bank to extend concessional finance to the sector. The Ministry of Textiles was, however, advised to explore the possibility of approaching International Funding Agencies like IFC for the purpose. The Ministry of Textiles have accordingly written to the Ministry of Finance for this purpose in July, 1996.

World Bank assistance for development of Major Ports

*11. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK:
SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have sought World